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EXPORT OF ARMS BY ORDNANCE FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to increase export of arms and ammunitions by Ordnance Factories and the achievements made therein during 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(b) the items exported and the countries to which exported alongwith the value thereof during the said period;

(c) whether any complaints were received about the quality of arms and ammunitions so exported;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up an institution for marketing of the products of Ordnance Factories at the global level; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) Various steps taken to increase export of arms and ammunitions include:

Introduction of online response through dedicated e-mail.

Provision of e-mailable and printable product CD.

Continuous product promotion in Military technology & Janes International Defence Review Magazines.

Participation in international exhibitions.

Achievements:-

Export worth Rs.28.38 Cr. has been achieved during 2006-2007 and Rs.9.37 Cr. during 2007-2008 (till date).

(b) The Ordnance Factory Board has been exporting some of their products for several years after meeting domestic requirements. Products are exported mainly to countries in Asia, Europe and Africa and include spares of rifles and guns, clothing items, parachutes and accessories, ammunitions, mine-protected vehicles.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir, there is a proposal to set up Ordnance Factories Marketing Corporation under the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), Department of Defence Production for marketing of the products and services of OFB for Civil market in India and Export and to develop new business areas.